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**BY HAND**  
**IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**

The Honorable Harry Reid  
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Dear Majority Leader Reid:

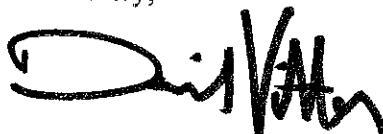
I write to thank you for scheduling a time for the U.S. Senate to consider and pass the Water Resources Development Act Conference Report on Monday, September 24, 2007. As a Senate negotiator on the Conference Committee, I very much appreciate your commitment to not allow anything else to delay this vital measure from Senate passage and for ensuring its consideration before the end of September as I requested in my previous letter to you on September 6, 2007.

On August 29, 2007, we observed the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. On Monday, September 24, 2007, as we similarly observe the second anniversary of Hurricane Rita, it is fitting that the U.S. Senate also will vote on WRDA, which will help prevent the loss of additional lives and rebuild a stronger protection system in Louisiana.

As I stated in my recent floor speech on WRDA, we are in the midst of the peak of the 2007 hurricane season, and quick passage of this conference report is a true, emergency priority and crucial for our continued recovery, as well as for stronger hurricane and flood protection in Louisiana in the future. The WRDA bill contains many significant provisions to Louisiana and our recovery in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The country and this body have shown great compassion and provided great assistance to our recovery efforts in Louisiana, and passing this water resources conference report is vital to continuing that recovery work. Again, I thank you for your commitment to our recovery and for scheduling consideration of this water resources conference report.

Sincerely,



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